

SENATE BILL 2526
By Tracy

AN ACT to name the Administrative Office Complex at the
Tennessee Technology Center at Shelbyville in honor of
the late R.E. "Bobby" Holden.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to permanently commemorate the accomplishments of those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of this State; and

WHEREAS, the late R. E. "Bobby" Holden and his pioneering achievements in service of the State Area Vocational Technical School currently known as the Tennessee Technology Center at Shelbyville should be appropriately memorialized; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holden was a consummate professional and active member of his community who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, devoted to personal development, R.E. "Bobby" Holden graduated from Christiana High School in 1946, and for four years afterwards he valiantly and proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy; after completing his military service, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 1962 and later completed post-graduate work in Industrial Education at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holden began his professional career as a Vocational Education Teacher in Anderson County; from 1964 until 1976, he served with great acumen as the first Assistant Director of the State Area Vocational Technical School at Shelbyville; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, R.E. "Bobby" Holden became Director of the State Area Vocational Technical School, now known as the Tennessee Technology Center, at Shelbyville, and he served astutely in that position until his well deserved retirement in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holden was the inspiration and motivating force behind the first expansion of the State Area Vocational Technical School at Shelbyville in 1981; his determined and successful campaign effectively doubled the size of the school and housed all of its programs on campus; and

WHEREAS, R.E. "Bobby" Holden guided the State Area Vocational Technical School at Shelbyville through a period of tremendous growth, from six full-time programs to ten full-time programs, plus the addition of numerous part-time programs; he also promoted new opportunities for students at the school, as reflected by the increase in student enrollment under his watch from 41 to 491 students; moreover, Mr. Holden guided the school through a change in governance from the Tennessee Department of Education to the Tennessee Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, R.E. "Bobby" Holden was also deeply devoted to his wife and his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, R.E. "Bobby" Holden demonstrated a remarkable determination and ability to get things done with limited resources, and it is proper that he should be posthumously honored for his many invaluable contributions to the Tennessee Technology Center at Shelbyville; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Administrative Office Complex at the Tennessee Technology Center at Shelbyville in Bedford County is hereby designated the "R.E. 'Bobby' Holden Administrative Office Complex" as a

lasting tribute to one of the most outstanding citizens and public servants this State has ever produced.

SECTION 2. The Tennessee Board of Regents is directed to erect or affix suitable signs designating the Administrative Office Complex at the Tennessee Technology Center at Shelbyville in Bedford County as the "R.E. 'Bobby' Holden Administrative Office Complex".

SECTION 3. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the erection of such sign is paid to the Tennessee Board of Regents from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The Tennessee Board of Regents shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such sign within thirty (30) days of the erection of such sign. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the Tennessee Board of Regents in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Tennessee Board of Regents.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.